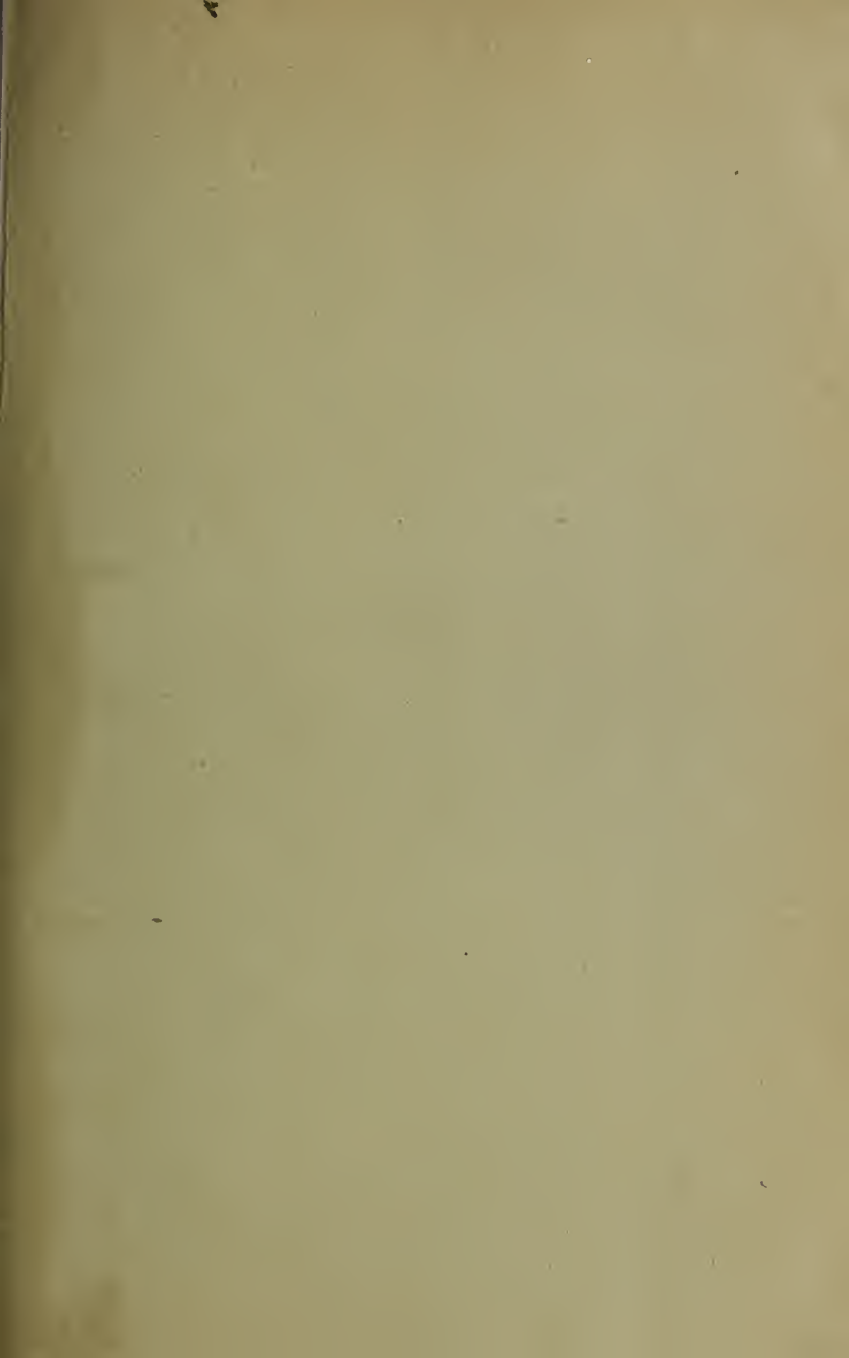


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It is pleasant to notice in this number the accounts of Christmas happiness in several of our Mission Stations, showing how much this season of Christian festivity is beginning to be appreciated by our scholars in the East. We also call attention to some of the effects of zenana teaching, as noticed in Miss Brittan's letters, and which give the promise of greater social results.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

REPORTS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

INDIA—Calcutta.

Extracts of Letters from MISS BRITTAN.

THE EARNEST WORSHIPERS.

During our late visit to Allahabad, some of our party went up a steep bank to view the exact spot where the Jumna and Ganges rivers meet, and there they witnessed a most unexpected sight. Three little tents had been erected, made of bamboo, to which a crowd of natives were thronging. On entering the door of the largest tent they observed that the greater number of worshipers present were women.

Seated on a sort of table was a young and very handsome man, probably about twenty-five, receiving the worship of those assembled. He had a bright purple cloth over his shoulder, and around his neck, garlands of white, red, and yellow flowers, and at his back were a number of peacock-feathers, all arrayed so artistically that the different colors had a very pleasing effect. The crowd made obeisance before him ; then he took up a book, probably one of the Shasters, and began to recite, or rather to intone. He had a fine voice, and though he remained sitting, he went through a great variety of very affected gestures, rolling his eyes and tossing up his hands. At certain parts the crowd would bow, kneel, and perform the lowest acts of obeisance. They then took some sandal-wood ashes, and touched his face with it, then threw a handful of unsoaked rice and a few small copper coins before him. This ended the service. In the meantime incense was burning before him, and two men, one on either side, were moving lighted torches. We could not ascertain who the man was, but we supposed he was a Coolin Brahmin who was receiving the worship of those of lower caste. The same thing was going on in the other tents, but the men were much older, and did not seem to attract so many devotees. Oh ! that God would hasten the day when Jesus, and Jesus only, would be worshiped in this land.

CHANGE IN PUBLIC OPINION.

During the visit of the Prince of Wales in Calcutta, every one from children to grown people, was anxious to see the heir of the mightiest monarch in the world. The Director of Public Institutions, and the Commissioner of Police, arranged it so that all the children in the schools that wished, might have a good view of the Prince.

A piece of ground, several yards in length, on either side of the road, along which the Prince was to pass, was apportioned off with ropes, and a strong force of police was placed there to prevent any entering excepting those who had tickets. Each Superintendent of a school told Mr. Woodrow how many children he thought he would have present, and tickets marked with a certain letter were given. Then the Superintendent sent to that part of the ground, seats for

the children, marked with the same letter as the tickets. This prevented all confusion, as each school knew directly where to go.

I knew our poor zenana women and children were very anxious to see the Prince, and I thought if there was anything that would draw them from their homes it would be this sight. Still I very much doubted their being willing to break through their long-established customs, even for this, and I was well assured that though the Babus would spend hundreds and even thousands on their own or their sons' dress, decorations and amusements, yet, for the women or girls, I knew they would spend nothing. I sent word by the teachers that I would take care of the women, and find conveyances for all that would go. To my great amazement, and almost consternation, a large number accepted the invitation, over three hundred girls, and young wives, from our schools, but only about six full-grown women, and they muffled themselves up closely in their sarees. When I found that there were so many who desired to go, I did not know what I should do for conveyances. Some lived over four miles from the place where we were to meet, and all lived as many as two miles distant.

Then I thought of a good friend I had in the military department, and I remembered that in the fort they always had on hand bullock wagons, covered with a canvas roof and sides, and with seats. They are generally drawn by two immense bullocks, who can go tolerably fast. I wrote to my friend to ask if he would loan me three bullock wagons, saying for what I wanted them, and immediately received a reply in the affirmative. We stowed away from twenty to thirty in each wagon, with a native teacher, and started them off; and these dear little children had such a treat as they never had before. It was a sight to rejoice my heart, for it told so much of progress. I thought, as I looked at the little zenana girls, so far from home, entrusted to our care, "Well, these children themselves prove that zenana work is not a failure. Who would have prophesied, eight years ago, that over three hundred little girls would be allowed to assemble in the open air unveiled, and simply in the care of Christian ladies?" It takes time to change customs and habits that have lasted for years, but God is doing it here. The Spirit, we trust, is "moving among the dry bones."

An anthem had been written to the Prince, to be sung to the tune of "God save the Queen." The carriage which bore the Prince stopped while they sang two verses, so they all had a chance to have a good view of him. As I looked over that crowd of little children, and beyond at the sea of human faces—natives, Eurasian, and English—all anxious to catch a glimpse of the monarch in prospect, and as I remembered the labor, money, and toil that had been expended to make things suitable for the reception of an earthly prince, I thought how few of that vast multitude had made any preparation for the King of kings and Lord of lords! I longed especially that these dear little children might learn to sing the praises of the "Prince of Peace." It was not any grand procession that had attracted this multitude, but simply a desire to see the features of the Prince. Again the thought occurred to me, that to the loyal subjects of the King eternal, immortal and invisible, in their preparation for, or thoughts of, heaven, it would not be so much the grandeur and magnificence of the surroundings that will engross their thoughts, as the one desire to see Him whom they love.

A GLITTERING SCENE.

There was one sight which I was anxious to see. The Prince was to invest two or three gentlemen with the Star of India, the highest honor that can be conferred here. There was a large tent on the open field which held twelve thousand people. Rows of tents, belonging to the Knights Commanders of the State, were ranged on either side, the whole making an enclosed space of about half a mile in length. The ceremony of investiture was to take place at nine o'clock, but by half-past six people assembled, so anxious were they to witness this ceremony. At the appointed hour there was a salute of guns and a flourish of trumpets. The Prince took his place, last in order, as each Knight with his train took the seats appointed for them. Of course all arose as the Prince approached. Foremost among the Knight Commanders was the Begum of Gopal! As she is a little old Mahommetan woman of course her face must not be seen, so it was muffled up in a blue silk bag. I could see no holes for her to see out of, but I suppose there must have been some. The Knights wore a pale

blue satin robe, the train held up by two pages, marvelously adorned. There were two or three Englishmen among the Knights ; the rest were different Rajahs. The head-dresses of these men were marvelous beyond description, and the jewelry on them of countless value.

I suppose there was represented millions of money. They tell me that it is the grandest and most magnificent sight in the world. But to see a number of men, many, I believe, very sensible, parading up and down like so many peacocks, just to display their gorgeous finery, did seem to me like childish play. As I sat there, the thought came to me of the day when we shall be assembled before the King of kings, to receive from Him the rewards of the deeds done in the body. Then each one who has been faithful to his trust will be called forth, and before an assembled universe will receive the Crown of Life that fadeth not away, and the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

REFLECTIONS ON THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

The day after the Prince's arrival the whole city was illuminated, and he rode in the evening through the streets. The evening of the illumination we went to a friend's, where we would have a good view from the top of the house. Three or four miles of streets were illuminated. I thought of the "Prince of Peace," who, as it were, eighteen hundred years ago, came to visit this far-distant province of His dominion. How was He greeted ; was He welcomed by the acclamations of thousands of His devoted subjects ? Did all the people throng to hear Him, or to catch a glimpse of His gracious face ? I turned my eyes from man's genius below, up above, and there, shining in tranquil brightness, was the beauteous evening star. I thought of the star that heralded the advent of the Prince of Peace, and as I listened to the acclamations of the mob below, I could but think of the glorious anthem of the hosts above, singing "Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth, good-will to men." And then my thoughts went forward to the new Jerusalem—the City of the great King—and I remembered that it will not be the subjects that will prepare the City for the advent of the King, but the King himself, who will prepare the City with its many mansions

for the reception of His subjects. The whole ten days that the Prince was here, the entire city was in a great commotion. The native Princes, with all their trains, were here, and thousands of people of all sorts, kinds, and degrees. It was one round of dissipation, gaiety, and display.

Extracts of Letters from MISS WOODWARD.

THE LORD'S TIME.

There seems to be a great desire now to hear about the religion of our blessed Jesus, and where there has been opposition, it has given way to respectful hearing, and apparently interested study of the Word. In one house, where I have been teaching since May, a little Bo took much interest in the "Old, Old Story," and committed it to memory. It is so simple and sweetly evangelical, that it conveys the Truth with clearness to both heart and mind.

She had nearly finished it when the book was taken from her by her elder brother, who seems to have the power both to give and take. I remonstrated several times, but it was of no use. They said, I might teach her what I liked when with her, but she could not learn it through the week. So I prayerfully waited the Lord's time. The little Bo was taken very ill and her life endangered. For several weeks I called to see the sufferer; she was in great pain, and I could only tell her to think of the dear Jesus she had learned about in the "Old, Old Story." I told her we would pray for her in our Home, and ask Jesus to make her well again, if it was His will. She said she did think about Him. The Lord raised her up, and two weeks before the old year closed she resumed her lessons. We had just commenced when her second brother, who has always seemed friendly, came and asked me to explain the "Parable of the Sower." Three other Babus filled up the doorway, and listened attentively. It seemed to me an important moment, as I could talk to them in English. They gave their assent to what I said. The result was, the brother wanted a copy of the Bible in Bengali, which I promised to give him, as he seemed quite subdued. After they left, he returned, saying the little Bo might learn the "Old,

Old Story." When I next went, I took him a fine Bengali Bible. I shall never forget the pleasure expressed in his face. We were standing in the court when I gave it to him; several Babus came around him, and they began directly to read it. How I prayed that their eyes might be opened that they might see the Light of Life! Soon a little brother was sent to unlock a desk, and he took out some copies of the Gospel, which he said the Bo might read. So you see how the dear Lord arranged it.

At another place, where the day teacher had been but a week, the bright little Bo greeted me with a "Good-morning," and read beautifully. Soon an old woman appeared and began to give orders as to the instruction she wished given, in which religion was to be excluded. I listened and said, "I was sorry, for I loved the little Bo, but unless I could teach her about Jesus, I would not teach her anything." The old woman interrupted, "You see when our children learn about Jesus Christ, they want to dress as the Christians do, and they do not pay attention to their gods." I thanked God for the encouragement of that confession, and left the matter with Him. They would not hear a word of the Scriptures read without the Babu's consent, which Providence moved him to give, and the next week the little Bo commenced as a regular pupil.

THE EARNEST PUPILS.

A few weeks ago, while in a house where I have been teaching since I came here, one who has been an occasional listener said, "Come with me, a Bo wants you to teach her." We accompanied her through a dirty gully entering a court, where confusion, and noise, piles of lumber, and workmen, made it anything but inviting. This was her house. Ascending steep, dark, winding stone stairs, we entered a small room, and were warmly greeted by a small, mild-looking Bo, whose face was animated with delight. I asked her what she wished, and she replied she wanted me to teach her about the Bible. "But you want a day teacher to come through the week?" I said. "No, I only want you to come," she replied. "I cannot come but once a week, and will only tell you about Jesus, and what He says in His word," I rejoined. "That is what I want, for I have the Bible," she said.

It seemed very strange to be called to teach the Bible alone, so I spoke very plainly to her to see if I could be mistaken, but she was in earnest. She said she had read the Bible and liked it. Every time I have been there, several neighbors have been brought in to listen, and now the one that sent for me, reads also. It was touching to witness the emotion that caused her eyes to fill as I explained the picture of Moses lifting up the serpent in the Wilderness, and the application to our Saviour.

The same day another little Bo said, taking up the Gospel, "I believe in that, and like it; but if my mother-in-law comes in, do not tell her." I told her that she must pray that her mother-in-law might believe and hear it too. The other day after my school was out, on my way to my zenanas, I took one of the children to her home. On going into the house her mother sent her out again to call me. I went, thinking she wished me to read, but she only wanted to see me, and asked me to sing for them. I sang "There is a Happy Land," in Bengali, which they liked very much. They wished me to take pains with the Bo, and said she might learn about Jesus. I felt greatly cheered by my visit.

I have among my pupils the daughter of a rich native doctor. She is about seven years old, a sweet, delicate little girl. I generally feel sad when I go there, for there are many women who remain in their rooms, so that I cannot get a chance to talk to them. The mother is inclined to be distant, excepting when she wants me to get her some beads. The last week a bright lad of twelve years has been home from school. He is very proud of his progress in English, and likes to listen to Scripture stories. He was anxious that I should give him a Bible, which I said I would do with his parents' consent. His mother refused at first to let him have one, but on her leaving, he ran after her, put his arms around her and won her consent. So I took him a copy of the New Testament. My Sunday-school classes are promising. I teach now in fifteen houses, two schools, and have sixty-seven pupils in all.

Extracts of Letters from MISS HARRISS.

AN ANXIOUS HUSBAND.

A week or so ago, in coming out of a lane in one of the homes where I had been teaching, I was accosted by a Babu who asked me whether I taught women. On my replying in the affirmative, he said, "Will you come and teach my wife; she has never been enlightened?" Of course I immediately turned round and asked him to show me the house. As we entered I said, as is my custom, "You know in teaching your wife we include the Christian religion." To my great surprise, instead of objecting, as they generally do, he said, "If you only make her a Christian, I will thank you until my dying breath." We then entered, and as she had never seen a white lady, she looked rather terrified. While she prepared for my instruction, her husband said, "You see how miserable she looks. Some time ago we lost our two boys within a short time of each other. She has never recovered from their loss, but is constantly calling them. I was out of my mind with grief, but by the grace of God I am well now and hope to return to my work next week. I was brought up in a Mission-school, and have a Bible, which I read every day. I am a Christian in everything but baptism." Then I said, "If so, you ought to confess Christ before men. I know a Babu who believes in Christ, and came out and was baptized. His mother turned him out and would not see him for twelve years. Now this Babu loves to tell others about Jesus, and if you would like to give me a room and invite some friends, I will bring him to see and teach you." His answer was, "Whatever you tell me I will do; I will give him a warm welcome." His wife here returning, he said, "She bows down and worships idols; she will not listen to me, but I hope she will to you, and you will make her a Christian." The next Wednesday evening I took two of our ladies, with a native pastor, to his house. We stayed over an hour and felt very much encouraged.

Allahabad.*Extracts of Letters from MISS LATHROP.*

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EAGERNESS FOR INSTRUCTION.

Our work is steadily increasing. We have just engaged another young missionary, sister of one who has been with us some time. She will make the seventh worker, besides the native girls we have in the school from the "Calcutta Orphanage," and one woman who teaches a school of Hindi girls. We have no native teachers here, as in Calcutta, and thus, while it makes our work harder, relieves us of a great care and responsibility. I like to visit the houses, and feel that I am teaching the women entirely myself; still we ought, as fast as possible, to bring into use the native Christians.

A few mornings since we had the pleasure of seeing A. L. O. E. at breakfast. She has come to India to engage in zenana work, and will aid greatly by the use of her pen. Stopping for a few days at Allahabad on her way to Umritzur, she was not idle, every day reading and writing a great deal. One beautiful little thing she wrote we intend to have translated into Bengali as soon as we can get it.

Allahabad has a native population so great that there is room for many, many laborers. The Hindis are slow to open to zenana visitors, but they will in time; the ignorance among the women is the same, consequently the need for teaching the same.

People often say the educated men of the country are restrained from embracing Christianity by their wives and mothers. While this may be so in some cases, I can but think that the women, as a whole, those at least whose minds have been at all enlightened, are quite as ready for such a change as their husbands and sons.

Last week I taught two young girls for the first time; they are very earnest in their desire to learn, and after I had finished with them, the younger, who is unmarried, and therefore can go in the lane about her home, said: "There are two other girls whom I know, will you teach them?" When I said "yes," she ran off to bring them. I started to go with them to their house, and on the

way they took me into three other houses, where were young Bengali women, all of whom said they would be very glad to learn, but must first consult the Babus. One said: "I do not see why I cannot have a lady come to me. My husband often sees and talks with gentlemen and ladies, and yet when I asked him if I might learn, he said no!" She said she would ask again, and I trust that she and all the others have gained permission to begin.

Yesterday I saw a pleasant old widow in a house where the women are learning, and she told me she had a daughter who was most anxious for us to visit her, but her husband would never consent. She said: "I cannot think why it is my son-in-law does so, when almost every Babu is so willing to have the ladies teach his wife." I had a moment before asked a little Bengali girl, who called to me from a veranda as I was passing, why she did not go to school, and been told that her father would not permit her to go, nor to be taught at home. These are not the only instances I have met with of late, where the women want to be taught, but the men prevent it.

A FRESH STUDENT.

One day, not long ago, a pleasant little voice called to me from a door high up above the street. I looked up and saw a child of eight or nine years. She said, by way of opening conversation, "Ray Kes-hurie has gone to your school." "Well, why do you not go?" I said. The usual answer was given, her father would not allow her to. I told her I would ask him myself the first time I came that way when he was home. The next week I saw him and made the request. At first he gave many reasons why it was better not, but at last consented. Now every week I find the child ready and waiting, her clothing and the place where we are to sit, as clean as possible, and her lesson prepared. The reason the Babu gave for not sending her to school, I thought such a good one, I have not urged it, although the child wishes to come, and would make more rapid progress there. Her mother, a most promising pupil of one of our missionaries, died three years ago; and as there is no one to look after her, he does not like her to be in the habit of going out of the house. He was much attached to his wife, and spoke of her so

pleasantly, then said, "Since she is gone, my daughter is all I have," although he has one son. An old servant-woman always sits by while the girl reads. At first I fancied it might be as a spy upon the teaching, but I do not think so now, as she tells me when I open "Peep of Day" to read a chapter, just where I left off last time, and asks many questions suggested by the reading. There are quite a number of Brahmos here, and their wives are ever ready to dispute the Divinity of Christ, with very small knowledge of the subject they are speaking on.

FEAR OF EDUCATION.

The fresh fields continually opening before us in the increasing work here, give it all the zest of a new enterprise. We have now on our rolls over 250 pupils. The cold season is longer here, and the air more bracing, and I am able to work harder than since I came to India. Last month a young girl came under my care, whose husband had taught her the first book in Bengali; and then as his time was devoted to business, desired us to go on with her teaching. I taught her twice, and was greatly pleased at her progress. The third week the elder woman who read with her, told me the little Bo could not come to read any more. At first I could get no reason, but at last my pupil told me that the mother-in-law had come up from Calcutta to live with her son, and was greatly alarmed at the rapidity with which the child was learning, and said if she did not put a stop to it, she would soon be able to write letters to her father. I felt so cast down, as I knew she loved to earn, that I sent to ask permission to visit at the house, or have the mother come to see me, but she declined to do either. The child had always come into the house adjoining to read. Last week I went to the house to teach one day, when I was not expected, and met the husband's sister, a widow who had told me before that she was anxious to read. I spoke as if nothing had happened, and asked her to call the little Bo. She said her mother had said she was not to read, but she did not know why. Then I told her to ask her mother to come. She went once and reported the old lady asleep, and no one dare wake her; but going again she found her awake, and brought her in. After a little conversation, in which I

refrained from telling her what I had heard, she went and brought the Bo, and told her to read. The Bo looked so happy, and I felt no less so myself, but said nothing. I shall be very careful about remarking upon her progress before the mother, lest she become frightened again. This is a case in which the woman was the one to hinder. The husband, who is young, could not act in opposition to his mother's wishes.

KNOWLEDGE SPREADING.

Two weeks ago we were asked to visit the house of a very enlightened Brahmo gentleman. There are two ladies wishing to learn. One has a harmonium, and Miss Ward has begun giving her lessons upon it. The husbands are anxious also for them to learn English. There are two bright little girls, who are coming to our school, and their father says he is ambitious for them to fit themselves for teaching the poor secluded zenana women. I hope they will wish to do it, and he desire that they should, until they are old enough to do so. There are few among the better class, even of native Christians, willing to engage in this work. Yesterday Miss Ward and I went to one of the suburbs of the city, where we have been told a number of Bengalis reside. Formerly, some families there were visited, but latterly no lady has been there. We met with a warm welcome. Those we saw promised to send word to their neighbors and friends that we would be there some day next week. One woman said, again and again, "We are so glad to see you, and you will surely come again, and not desert us." This they do not say because they so sincerely desire to be taught the Bible, but we must make their anxiety to have a lady visit them, and teach them other things, the means by which we can introduce the religion of Christ.

THE custom among Brahmins, still acted up to, that under certain circumstances men must marry plants, is curious. If a Brahmin is desirous of taking to himself a third wife, he goes through the marriage ceremony correctly, but abbreviated in details, with a *yekke gida* (*Aristolochia indica*). This is looked upon as the third marriage; after the ceremony has been completed the *yekke gida* is cut down and burnt. The man is now free, without fear of evil consequences, to wed the woman who is nominally his fourth wife.

CHINA—Peking.*Extracts of Letters from MISS NORTH.*

EFFECTS OF SCHOOL EFFORTS.

The letter which our dear pupil Lansing dictated to her grand-aunt before her death, urging her to accept the Truth, was not without its effect. She lives near me, often comes to see me, and says she does not even worship the kitchen god, which is apt to be the last given up, but prays in her simple, feeble way, to the true God. I teach her each time some little clause of Scripture, and talk to her about it. For instance, "God is love" and "The Lord is my Shepherd." Her mind is very vacant, and she is very forgetful, but I think she understands that He loves even the feeblest of His sheep, and I trust she will join Lansing in Heaven. School is going on in some respects as usual. I am giving the girls more of my time, and spending less time in study, partly because I am unable to find a good teacher. I have bought a map of Palestine, with which the girls are getting familiar. They are very slow in mental arithmetic, and I have begun using slates. As there is nothing in Chinese figures to answer the purpose of practical arithmetic, our figures have to be used. They have a reading lesson in Pilgrim's Progress, and when I can, I practice singing with them. Loisa has a good Christian influence. She takes charge of a prayer-meeting every week in her room, which I do not attend. It is a profitable exercise for the girls, and I hope for herself. We have very little work outside. Usually from one to four persons come in to the Sabbath services in my room.

Extracts of Letters from MISS COLBURN.

HOPES OF GOOD.

Our faithful Chuma, who, we trust, has just accepted the Truth, was recently called to a sick daughter. Her friends were about to perform heathen rites for her recovery. To this her mother objected, and in the presence of these false worshipers, she pleaded with Him in whom she believed, for Jesus' sake to spare her child. This she did repeatedly, and left her with strong faith that her prayers would be answered. This is one evidence of our heavenly Father's favor which has marked the closing month.

JAPAN—Yokohama.*Extracts of Letters from MISS CROSBY.*

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

The holiday season is as busy a time with us as with every one in America, but there are many things which I think would interest the friends at home, in our Christmas doings. The children have learned to begin as early as the children in America, to count the weeks before Christmas, and there was no danger of our being allowed to forget that some preparations were expected for that occasion. The weeks went flying past, and before we knew it, December had arrived. The first thing in order was a general inspection of the remainder of our boxes, consisting of a good supply of dolls and other articles received some time ago from kind friends at home. The investigation showed that we had dolls sufficient to give every child one, excepting a few of the largest girls. Afterward we regretted we had not prepared some for them, as the Japanese think so much of a doll. They have a dolls' festival once a year, on which occasion, not only the children pay special attention to their odd, but pretty, bright-eyed doll-babies, but the women too bring theirs, and for two or three days play the child again. We had sixty dolls on the tree, making glad that number of young hearts. Besides the dolls, we had received a number of pretty fancy articles, so that we were obliged to purchase very little. For these and all other expenses connected with our entertainment, we received liberal contributions of money from friends of the Mission. Two gentlemen sent a great supply of ornaments for the tree, and one a large cake elegantly ornamented. All these things served to make our tree very handsome. The tree itself was perfect in form. We invited only a few missionary friends, as we could not for want of room give general invitations, when we expected a large number of native scholars and their friends. The rooms were adorned with garlands and mottoes, and with the new rooms thrown open, and all brightly lighted, the effect was beautiful. There were pleasant exercises of singing, prayer, and explanation of the meaning of the word

Christmas, connected with the occasion, and some, it may be hoped, were spiritually benefited, as well as pleased. Before the distribution from the large tree, there were various exercises, among them a dialogue very well recited by the scholars. Mr. Ballagh made an address, and then the presents were given; little baskets which had been procured at the heavy cost of *two* cents apiece. These held the candy, and looked very pretty on the tree.

Extracts of Letters from MRS. PIERSON.

SURPRISE FOR THE POOR.

Our Christmas festivities were successful. The older scholars had prepared, at their own suggestion and expense, a tree for the children of the poor among whom they visit. It was placed in the third school-room, and the distribution took place several hours before the tree was lighted for our own scholars. None of the gifts were valuable, but the tree looked beautifully, laden with its gay-colored scarfs and bright decorations. The setting sun streamed in at the western window, and lighted it till it seemed tipped with fire. About seventy women and children assembled, and each one received some trifling gift. Our exercises opened with singing in Japanese, a prayer offered, and an address and exhortation. These arrangements were all made by a committee of the girls, who purchased the gifts with contributions from all the scholars. The object of the tree was to reach the largest number in the simplest and most effectual manner, and give them a faint insight into the great cause of our rejoicing! All departed in good order, leaving us time for supper.

Extracts of Letters from MRS. TRUE.

FRESH INTERESTS.

Our school has just commenced after the vacation, and the real pleasure manifested by the girls is delightful to see. We have forty-eight who board in the house, and about thirty day scholars.

My Japanese teacher has just gone as a missionary to his own people. He is a very earnest Christian, and has good abilities.

His wife is not permitted to live with him, but is kept by her parents in her own country. The call came from a large city, about two weeks journey from here, for some one to preach the Gospel. The teacher felt constrained to go, although it cost him a hard struggle, for he had hoped to prevail upon his wife to come to our mission, and his going so much farther from his home put the possibility far into the future. We can hardly understand the force of parental authority in this land. My teacher feared his parent's anger, excited by his going so far away to preach the hated doctrine of the Cross, would be spent upon his wife.

The girls are progressing in their studies, and we feel that there is great cause for thankfulness. As I look over the company gathered in our sitting-room morning by morning for family worship, and feel my heart going out in love toward each one, I long, more than I can tell, to have the dear ones in the home-land know how much we desire their prayers for the salvation of these precious souls committed to our care. They seem so gentle and loving, and we have so much influence with them, that it seems almost, sometimes, that we can carry them into the kingdom; but there is abundant evidence that they have the natural hatred for the truth, and that the power of God is necessary for their salvation as truly as for any. We have just taken two motherless girls—one about twelve, and the other not over five years of age. As Miss Guthrie has her house full, we have taken the little one here with her sister. Yesterday I went to see how the sick girl was improving, and found "our baby" (as we call her) sitting on one side of the mat on which the invalid was lying, chattering like a magpie. She said she was telling "'Gin' stories, because she was sick."

Last evening I had in my "servants' class" two men from outside; one was here last week, and says he will come every week. The other is interested in the truth, mainly through the instrumentality of Tokichi. I long for the conversion of these persons, who seem so interested and attentive. I never before felt the need of the Spirit's presence and power as I have since I commenced teaching this class. They hear with curious interest—and that I fear is all, with most of them—and this precious truth will be no more to them than their own "idle superstitions," unless the life-

giving Spirit is present to quicken the seed, and cause it to take root.

DAWNING OF LIGHT.

Kioto has at last become the home of two Christian missionaries. Rev. Mr. Davis and family, and Rev. Mr. Nishina and wife are now living there, and are already seeing fruit from seed sown so recently. Mr. Nishina has just married a lady of cultivation. Her brother is believed to be possessed of much influence in government circles in Kioto, although he is both blind and lame. They both give evidence of a change of heart, but the brother has not been baptized yet. Mr. Davis writes that there is much opposition among the priests, and they, of course, stir up the people to oppose the entrance of Christianity into that "sacred city;" but it is plain that it is too late to prevent it. The Lord's time seems surely to have come.

A large normal school has just been opened in Tokio, under the direct patronage of the Empress, and the pupils are allowed to read the Bible. Our girls are greatly interested in this fact, partly because they have made it a special subject of prayer. The building will accommodate about three hundred.

A former teacher has gone to Niagata to preach, and writes most cheering letters. There is persecution and much to endure, but the Lord is with them, and many souls are being born into the kingdom.

There are calls constantly from new places in this empire for persons to teach Christianity. Many of these are of a most interesting character, but the laborers are few. Those who can speak this language are very few, and have more than enough to occupy their time in their own special fields of labor.

GREECE—Athens.*Extracts of Letters from MISS KYLE.*

CRETAN SABBATH-SCHOOL.

We have opened again a Sunday-school in the house where we formerly held our Cretan school. When I was obliged to give that up from a pressure, I felt that something might be done when I had an associate's help. I went with her one day, found an unoccupied room, and called on several of the families, who all seemed pleased to have the school opened. The first Sunday sixteen were present, besides a few women who stood around the door. It has now increased to thirty, and I presume more may be brought in. The singing is very attractive to the children. One class is taught by a young girl who was formerly in the Sunday-school there, a fine, thoughtful girl. I am very glad to have Mrs. Fluhart engage in this, for my heart has been very much with those poor people with whom I first began my work in Athens. I teach in the Sabbath-school connected with the little church, taking our boarding pupils there. They need a different kind of instruction from that of the other children, being already more advanced.

HIGH AIMS.

Last week I took all the larger girls to see the Acropolis. We wondered and admired, and the Hellenic spirit grew strong within us, some of the faces lighting up with a glow of enthusiasm at the memory of all that long past, but ever-living glory. I said to them as we turned homeward: "But what are we going to do to bring back the glory to Greece? The temples can never be rebuilt—we would not have them, for our God seeks not such shrines: pure and loving hearts are His best temples. We bear the name of our blessed Saviour, God is our Father, we are His children, and to be worthy of such a privilege is greater than anything those old Greeks knew. That is what I want of you—that is what I expect from my girls, that you will be, yourselves, and help your people to be Christians in very deed as well as in name."

I long to see that now, more than ever, as I become more fully

identified with the people. A young Greek friend who comes often to read with us, is full of the most generous enthusiasm for her people. I spoke of our Monday evening meetings having become so largely conversational, and she replied: "You may be assured, that which seems to you so simple is doing good."

Extract of Letter from MRS. FLUHART.

CHRISTMAS IN ATHENS.

So far I have not had the shadow of a regret that I chose to come to Athens. I am of but little assistance yet, but mean to be a great help soon. Learning the language seems slow work, but others have succeeded, and I do not despair. We decided to have the Christmas pleasure for the children on our Christmas Eve, that the excitement might be over, and we might rest during the Greek Christmas. As Friday was quite a feast-day we had no school, and that gave us ample time to prepare the tree, and truly a feast-day never came at a more appropriate time. For, in the midst of our anticipation of pleasure for the children on Tuesday evening, our domestic affairs were very much disturbed by a theft; notwithstanding, Christmas Eve came, and with it the children, and a few friends. We could not have all the pupils for want of room, but all who did not come were made to feel pleasantly by each receiving one of the beautiful little cards which Miss R. had given me to bring from New York. They were delighted, for we can get no cards here half so beautiful in their estimation as those. After the tree was lighted, the girls sang several songs before the presents were distributed, some in English and some in Greek. Among the former was one we had learned especially for that evening, a Christmas song, and while they sang it, and pronounced the words so distinctly, I almost fancied myself among my old pupils in Columbia. We learn the songs in the little book, "Gospel Songs," by P. P. Bliss; "Hold the Fort," "Work, for the Night is coming," and several others, they sing quite well now.

CHINA—Shanghai.*Extract of a Letter from MRS. THOMSON.*

REPORT OF A BIBLE-READER.

Our work just now is very encouraging. At an out-station which is entirely conducted by native assistants, there were thirty adults and infants baptized on one occasion. Some of them were influential people in the village, and we hope that their influence may be felt far and wide. Up to the day of the baptism no foreign missionary had been there at all. Your Bible-reader* continues to render most efficient and faithful service, and only recently Mr. Thomson baptized a family of five who were brought into the church through her instrumentality. Just now she is teaching the boys in our boarding-school to sing, and play on the melodeon, and also gives instruction to the schools in the city, in connection with our church services there. Her old mother cooks for her, and she is relieved of that care. Her house is quite near us, and she is very comfortable ; not having any rent to pay, she is better off than her heathen neighbors.

Costly Burning

THE custom of burning paper-money and clothes at the graves of relations is observed not only at the time of the funeral, but special days are also set apart for visiting the tombs and making these offerings, and once in the year, April 15th, every one is expected to bring some contribution. Besides provisions for their own relations, the people bring paper supplies for those spirits who may have no living friend to remember them, for it is thought these beggar-ghosts will tease and disturb other departed spirits, if clothing, money, etc., are not sent them through the fire. £30,000,000 are said to be spent every year in China in providing for friendless spirits.

The missionaries find this custom a great hindrance to the preaching of the gospel in China. Of course those who are brought to know the true God cannot believe in the good of this heathen practice. Yet any one who ceases to make offerings for the dead is thought as bad as a murderer, and parents will sometimes forbid their children to join the Christians chiefly from fear that they themselves will suffer hunger and cold in the spirit world for want of their children's offerings.

* Sup. In Mem. of Capt. Robt. Townsend, U. S. N.

Home Department.

A Glimpse in a Mission Home.

BY PROF. ED. WARREN CLARK.

“I WOULD gladly give you a little peep, if I could, into the quaint but agreeable surroundings of your ‘Home’ in Calcutta (140 Dhuruntollah street), for though, as a man, I could not very readily gain an inside view of zenana life and work, yet I *could* see the way the ladies had of doing things, and the clock-like regularity with which their duties were performed. I arrived there in the ‘hot season,’ and at times when the thermometer remains stubbornly at 130 in the shade, it is calculated to throw everything else into the shade too, except the difficult question of keeping cool! But the ladies only got up the earlier for all that, and drove out two by two, in their gharries or little cabs, visiting their zenanas between six and nine A. M., instead of staying in-doors, as some of us would have been tempted to do.

“When I first drove through the gate-way of the Home in Calcutta, I saw before me a substantially-built house of very different style from what I had seen in China or Japan; but on alighting at the vine-covered entrance, and stepping into the open and airy hall, there seemed something familiar about it, nevertheless, though I wondered how people made their presence known in Calcutta houses, for nobody was to be seen.

“While reading some chromo-texts in the hall, such as ‘God bless our home,’ etc., and peering in at the dining-room with its long table, a pleasant young Hindoo appeared, who said his name was ‘Tommy,’ and whose bright, intelligent face told me at once that he had Christian sunshine within him.

“‘Tommy’ led me up-stairs and seated me in a large, carpeted, and nicely-furnished hall, which was square, having two rows of

pillars in it, and taking up most of the second story, while various rooms were arranged around three sides of it.

“Miss Brittan soon came forth from one room, and some other ladies from theirs, and the welcome was so warm that we had to sit down under the ‘punkahs’ and be fanned all the time we were talking. After a while I found myself seated with the seventeen ladies of the ‘Home’ at the large tea-table ; and, for the time being, I almost imagined myself in a ‘zenana,’ though a rather civilized one.

I attended Miss Ward’s Sunday-school of about 50 girls, all black as ebony, but robed in white. They sang and recited in Bengalese, and looked a little strange, ranged on benches, with white sheets drawn over their heads, and their wrists, ankles, ears, and noses ornamented with rather more profusion than taste. I attended service four times the first Sunday, once at the Calcutta Cathedral, where a fashionable English audience was assembled, and long ‘punkah’ fans were kept swinging across the whole width of the church, cooling the congregation during the sermon and superb music. These punkahs are moved by black Hindoos, who squat on the pavement outside of the church, with long ropes in their hands.

I visited several colleges and mission institutions in Calcutta, the extent of which astonished me. One that most interested me was the Hindoo Girls’ School under Mrs. Chaterjee, where I found 60 girls, bright, pretty, and bedecked with jewels, who, though very small, answered my Scripture questions very promptly, and afterwards listened with great interest while I told them about the little girls in Japan, and the bright classes at the Mission-home in Yokohama.



IN one of the papers of India appears an article called,

SAVAGE CUSTOM.

To the Editor of the Indian Daily News :

It appears from your issue of the 16th instant that the wife of Notohor has committed suicide in order to avoid the sufferings of widowhood. What a savage custom it is, that Hindoo ladies and girls

should be doomed to live against nature, and pass a miserable life. The daily papers almost daily notice innumerable suicides ; widowhood is only the source of all these. Is this the result of high education in Bengal ? What are the educated natives doing when their daughters and sisters are being treated thus by their brutal community ? They represent themselves as being a civilized nation, and confess that they are making daily improvements in the scale of nature, and that reformation is continually taking place in their manners and customs. Is it not a custom that needs at once to be rooted out ? What civilized nation would approve of its being in any community whatever ? Mr. Editor, when their very *shastras*, which they profess to admit allow widow marriage among them, why do they not act accordingly ? Is it that they do not wish it, or do they fear being excommunicated in attempting such a noble undertaking ? What wretched Bengal, after educating her sons for so many years after the British system, can produce no patriots to join their efforts with that of Pundit Isswar Chunder Vydiasagorah. What is the use of spending so much of the State money in educating the natives without any effect ? It is better for the Government to withdraw all its aid from schools and colleges. Yours, etc., R."

The above, as may be seen, is the production of a native. What would some of the "enlightened" have said, if we had spoken so candidly ?—ED. *I. D. News*.

ONE little State has been one of the most faithful to Great Britain in all India. Its ruler is a woman, who has at various times received many tokens of distinction from the British. Like a good and true woman, she has directed her attention to the morals of her State. First, she has been fighting against dakoity and robbery continually. Next, she has ruled that no woman be permitted to walk in the street after 8 P. M. without a lantern. Third, she has forbidden the entertainment or employment in any capacity of eunuchs. Fourth, she personally has instituted a crusade against false weights in shops.—*Indian Public Opinion*.

“Fast Falls the Even-tide.”

IT is with a deep regret that we record the death of one of our valued and beloved Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen, who for many years has labored with and prayed for the great cause of woman's redemption in heathen homes. After a short illness she passed to the “rest that remaineth for the people of God,” in February. In the words of one who cherished her to the last, we give this triumphant record that “her Saviour was very near her; not a cloud obscured her heavenly vision, nor a shadow darkened her eye of faith, but gently, joyfully, and peacefully she was led down to the river that she had only to step over, to be in the garden of her Lord.”

A few days before her earthly race was ended, she desired her regular remembrance to be sent to our cause, which was among her best interests. Thus one and another is rapidly crossing the narrow stream that divides faith from sight! Where are the loving, earnest workers who are prepared to step into the ranks and take up the burdens which these ardent standard-bearers for Jesus have laid down only with their lives?

A New Home.

As the cords have lengthened in the great work to which our dear Society has pledged itself, it has become an imperative necessity to take its general management from the retirement of private homes, where it has hitherto been carried on, and place it in a public office. The step has not been taken without much careful thought for the best interests of the work, and we can but trust the future will justify its wisdom. The entire furniture of the room, it is gratifying to notice, was given or loaned for the use of the Society.

We will heartily welcome all our friends to the office selected, **Room 41, Bible House**, where we hope to create a centre of usefulness as well as of loving interest.



Fall Convention.

INVITATIONS have already been sent to our kind friends, to attend a Convention to be held about the middle of next October, in Brooklyn. Although details will be published in a later number of our periodical, we desire to mention our intention at this time, that our members may complete their arrangements for visiting the city so as to attend our first general gathering.



A Task.

IN the Chinese Imperial Dictionary there are 43,496 words. Of this number 6,423 are obsolete, and 4,200 are without signification ; and we have then remaining 32,873 words. But it is not necessary to learn anything like this number to gain a fair knowledge of Chinese ; to approximate, a knowledge of the meaning of not more than eight thousand words would be sufficient.

Mission-Band Department.

A Generous Choice.

I WISH the friends in America who sent the boxes of Christmas gifts could have seen the delight of the dear girls who received them from our tree in Japan, Christmas Eve. We had some recitations and songs from the school, which we were repeatedly told would have done credit to any home school, and then came the distribution of the presents. The dolls were, of course, the principal attraction, and every girl seemed perfectly satisfied with her own.

I must tell you a little incident which pleased me much. Maso came to me after the dolls were all taken down from the tree and said, "Emma has no doll and I have two; my name is on both, but I don't think they were intended for me. Which shall I give Emma?" So she looked at both, and very quickly and pleasantly gave her the larger one. They went away as happy and satisfied as possible, and we did not hear one complaint from one of our ninety girls, for we included the day scholars, and that is more than I could say of any Sabbath-school tree I ever helped to prepare at home. We were all very weary after it was over, but were repaid by the sight of so many happy faces.

MRS. TRUE.

THE Chinese have idols that have servants, and these servants are also images standing around or near them. There are idols that are taken out on horseback, others carried in sedans, while others always remain in the spot where they are first set up.

A Sight for Travelers.

I WONDER how you would like to be on this side of the ocean awhile, and what you would like to see first. You could not step out on the wharf as we do in New York, but would have to go down a long flight of stairs into a small boat and be rowed a long distance to the shore. You will wonder very much at the strange language the coolies use when you step on land. As I do not know what you would like to see, I will ask you to come with me to the "American Mission Home," where I am sure you will find a warm welcome. It is some distance from the landing, so we must take "Jin rik shas." These are large baby-carriages drawn by men. When we reach the foot of the hill, as the Home is on the bluff, we will walk, for I am sure you would not wish the poor men to draw you up. When we get in sight of the Home there will be less noise, and you will look in wonder upon the strange faces. I do not think you will find them disagreeable, for they seem to me so very pleasant, as they look so good-natured and affectionate.

I must not give you an idea that *all* are so—no, indeed; but the grace of God has done much to soften these young hearts, and many of them are cheerfully given to Him. Now the scholars are about to take dinner. Let us look in at them and count them. There are forty-eight, and as merry a set as could be found in any Home. Please notice one who sits at the end of the long table. Her name is "Shiri," (*i* sounds like *ee*), but we call her Emmie. She is very well-behaved and seems quite accustomed to a knife and fork, although it is but a few months since she commenced to use them. She does not seem to know we are looking at her. She studies well, but is very poor, and must be taken care of if she is to be educated. Now I suppose you will want to see these little ones play, for we

have for them some novel games. But the mail goes in ten minutes, and so I must defer my visit through the house until another day; only let me say this work is yours as well as ours. Our Master has given us all the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Let us praise His name for such an honor.

MRS. TRUE.

A Word to the "Mission Gleaners,"

(IN SYRACUSE, N. Y.)

LOVE can reach a long way from one's dear home, to this heathen land so far off. If you could see our Foundling Home in Calcutta, I am sure you would be encouraged to go on with the good work you have begun. Mary Elizabeth Adams, the dear Bengali girl you are supporting, is about sixteen years of age, though very small for that age. She tries to be a good girl, and does, I truly believe, love our Lord Jesus, and is always glad to work for Him. She goes out generally once a week with one of the ladies to the zenanas as an interpreter.

When I call the roll, generally sixty or seventy girls are present; then they bring me their English writing for correction which has been written the night before. At eight o'clock they go to the Pundit's; at twelve they have breakfast, and at half-past twelve they go to the work-room, where they remain until four o'clock, when they go to dinner. At seven o'clock we have prayers, after which the little ones go to bed. The older girls sit up until nine and study their lessons for the next day. At the end of last year the children were examined and passed a very creditable examination. "Mary Adams" is in the first class; she stood third in her class. The children have a prayer-meeting every Thursday, which they

conduct themselves; at this time they always remember their dear friends in America.

We had a very merry time at Christmas; we had two large tables spread in the work-room, one with fruit and sweetmeats, and the other with gifts for the children. Most of the gifts came from America, and I hope they will not be forgotten next year. Miss Brittan and several of the ladies came, and two American gentlemen addressed them. They seemed pleased with the children's singing, which is really very sweet. May God abundantly bless you in the work you are doing for Him, and while you are watering others, may you in return be watered from the River of Life. MISS MARSTON.

Mission Gifts.

WE desire gratefully to acknowledge the gift in January of a camel's hair shawl, sent to Miss Abeel, our Recording Secretary, which is to be sold for the benefit of our work. We trust our unknown donor will excuse the oversight in not printing this acknowledgment in our March number.

A box, for India, of useful and fancy articles from Mrs. Carrie T. Barber's Band in St. Louis, Mo., we also return thanks for.

MISSION BOXES.

We would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following boxes:
 Mrs. Coe, Bangor, Maine, Stereoscopic Pictures.
 Mrs. Emma C. Rogers, Glasgow, Del., one package for Japan.
 One large box from Rochester Ave. Mission Band.
 One box from "Cortland Band," New York, by Mrs. Givens.
 A large and valuable box for "Widows' Home," Calcutta, from Mrs. Barber, St. Louis.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. J. M. Gibson, by Mrs. O. F. Avery, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. Dora F. Beekman, Byron, Ill.
 Mrs. S. R. Bucknall, Scotch Plains, N. J.
 Miss Annie B. Garretson, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Mrs. E. P. Hoyt, New York City.
 Mrs. L. J. Knowles, Worcester, Mass.
 Miss Hattie Wykes, by "Atlantic Avenue Sunday-school," Brooklyn, L. I.

CONTRIBUTED BY THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

We would call attention to the financial account of our late lamented Miss Seelye, M.D., appended to our Treasurer's report, and now published in full for the first time. Truly it is a marvelous record! In three short years—in spite of opposition and prejudice, and the difficulty of acquiring the native language—her labor was one uninterrupted success; she gained the entire confidence of those to whom she ministered, as well as their willing support.

Her fees for medical attendance were always exacted where there was any possibility of payment; such as were too poor to pay received kind attention through the Dispensary gratuitously. The work was growing beyond her ability to perform, and she had just asked that some one might be sent out to aid her, when she was so suddenly called to her rest. To skillful treatment for the suffering body she always united loving sympathy and earnest effort for the benighted soul. Who shall measure the wealth of life, and love, and faith she thus laid at the feet of her Saviour?

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society from
February 1st, to April 1st, 1876.

Branch Societies & Mission Bands.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston. Boston Branch, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas. (See items below.).....\$632 58

CONNECTICUT.

Guilford, "Lily Band," Miss S. Brown, Treas.....\$20 00

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch, Mrs. F. Townsend, Treas. (See items below.).....\$138 07

Brooklyn, Atlantic Ave. S. S., per Mrs. W. H. Harris, to constitute Miss HATTIE WYKES, Life Member.... 50 00

"H. G. Brittan Band," per Mrs. G. C. White, for Miss Karagensian..117 00

"Scudder Band," Miss Hickok, Treas., for Calcutta, 100; for child in Japan, 60.....160 00

S. S. Missionary Soc. of 2d Presb. Ch., per Mr. Wm. W. Hurlburt, for child in Japan..... 70 00

Clinton Ave. Zenana Soc., per Mrs. W. I. Budington, for Miss Caddy, 219 70

Catskill, "Porter Memorial Band," in addition, Mrs. S. L. Penfield, Treas..... 25 00

Cold Spring, "Hillside Band," per Miss Augusta P. Wilson..... 20 00

Flatbush, L. I., "Strong Memorial Band" of Reformed Ch., Mrs. C. L. Wells, Treas.; Mrs. M. H. Bergen and Miss Charlotte Vanderbilt, Collectors; Mrs. John A. Lott, 10; Mrs. Henry Lyles, Jr., 10; Mrs. John Vanderbilt, 8; Mrs. John D. Prince, 5; Mrs. Helen Martense, 5; Miss Esther J. Martense, 5; Mrs. Abby L. Zabriskie, 5; Mrs. Wm. H. Story, 5; Mrs. M. H. Bergen, 5; Miss Jane Antonides, 5; Eliza Zabriskie Lott, 5; Miss S. Ella Schoonmaker, 5; Mrs. C. L. Wells, 5; Mrs. J. Y. B. Martense, 3; Mrs. Spofford, 3; Mrs. Dr. Zabriskie, 3; Mrs. J. M. Ferris, 3; Mrs. J. Z. Lott, 3; Mrs. Abraham Lott, 3; Mrs. Abraham P. Dittmas, 3; Mrs. John H. Dittmas, 3; Mrs. John Antonides, 3; Misses Duryee, 2; Miss Phebe Dittmas, 3; Miss Annie V. Lott, 3; Mrs. J. A. Martense, 2; Mrs. W. H. Allgeo, 2; Mrs. Lewis Titus, 2; Mrs. Winship, 2; Mrs. Cornelius Suydam, 2; Miss McLeod, 2; Cash, 2; Mrs. Story, 2; Mrs. Brown, 2; Miss Louise G. Zabriskie, 2; Miss Charlotte S. Vanderbilt, 2; Mrs. L. A. Wilbur, 2.50; Miss Gertrude Leferts, 2.50; Miss Annie Leferts, 2.50; Mrs. Stillwell, 1; Mrs W. K.

Williamson, 1; Mrs. J. L. Vanderbilt, 1; Mrs. Rhodes, 1; Mrs. Wm. Allgeo, 1; Mrs. Hopkins, 2; Mrs. Peter Selover, 1.50; Mrs. John Dittmas, 1; Mrs. J. P. Vanderveer, 1; Mrs. John Vanderveer, Jr., 1; Mrs. Z. B. Van Wyke, 1; Mrs. Adrian Vanderveer, 1; Mrs. Stephen H. Williamson, 1; Mrs. Henry Stryker, 1; Mrs. Peter J. Neefus, 1; Mrs. J. D. Randolph, 1; Mrs. R. G. Strong, 1; Miss G. V. Schoonmaker, 1; Mrs. Wm. Williamson, 2; Mrs. Wm. Schoonmaker, 50cts.; Mrs. Catharine Wyckoff, 50cts....165 00

"Flushing Mission Band," Mrs. Reed, Pres..... 22 25

"Missionary Link Band," Mrs. Jas. Hillver, Collector..... 30 00

Glenville, "Hope Band," per Miss Julia Harmon..... 22 65

New York, Seventh Ave. Mission Sch. of Dr. Hall's Ch., per J. Paton, Esq., for Bible-reader in Calcutta, 100 00

"Band of Hope," per Mrs. W. S. Mikels, for 1875: Mrs. S. P. White, 13, Mrs. E. Decker, 4.75, Miss S. Dunn, 7, Miss C. A. Mikels, 10.75. 35 50

"Disciples of Christ," Mrs. L. K. Reynolds, Treas..... 10 00

Rhinebeck, "Rhinebeck Gleaners," Mrs. A. P. Peecke, per Miss Higby. 2 00

Rome, Rome Branch, Mrs. C. F. Flandrau, Pres., for monument to Miss Chase, Calcutta, of which, from "Gardner Memorial" Band, Whitesboro, N. Y., per Miss Hatty Frost, 21.....300 00

Syracuse, "Mission Gleaners," Mrs. Hudson, Collector, for "Mary," in Calcutta..... 63 00

"Scattergood Band," per Mr. Henry C. Hooker..... 50 00

S. S. of Ref. Ch., for two children in Chittoor, India, per Mrs. Robert Townsend, in gold..... 75 00

"Clifton Springs Band," per Mrs. R. Townsend, for "Fannie," in Yokohama: Mrs. Shafter, California, 5, the Misses Clark, N. J., 5, Mrs. Sullivan, Pittsfield, 5, Mrs. N. Foster, Clifton Springs, 5, Miss Dunbar, Clifton Springs, 3, Miss Scovill, Clifton Springs, 3, Mr. Valle, 5, Mrs. J. Duff, Jamaica Plain, Mass., 3, Miss Chapin, Mass., 1, Miss Glegen, 3, Miss Bogart, N. J., 3, Miss Warriner, Pittsfield, Mass., 2.50, Miss Truslow, Brooklyn, 3, Miss Cotell, 3, Mrs. Rathbone, Albany, 5, Mrs. Casy, Racine, Wis., 1, Mrs. R. Townsend, 3..... 58 50

Utica, "Star of Bethlehem," per Mrs. Crittenden, for "Helen De Witt," Smyrna..... 50 00

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NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth, Elizabeth Aux., Mrs. E. K. Pardee, Treas., St. John's Ch. Soc. towards support of two Bible-readers.....	51 50
Hackensack, "Chase Band," for work in India, per Mrs. W. Williams...	40 04
Metuchin, Me'uchin Aux., Miss Abbie Thomas, Treas.....	16 00
New Brunswick, New Brunswick Aux., Miss M. A. Campbell, Treas., to constitute ANNIE B. GARRETSON, a Life Member ..	25 00
Princeton, Princeton Aux., Miss Ellen L. A. Brown, Treas.....	100 00
Roselle, "Earnest Workers," for two Karm girls, Mrs. Berdan, Pres., per Miss Higby	80 00
Trenton, "Golden Hour Circle," per Miss M. J. Fisk, for "Mamie Fisk," in Japan.....	75 00
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PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch, Mrs. Chas. B. Keen, Treas., Miss Hook's salary from July, 1875, to July, 1876 ..	600 00
Mrs. Lambeth's Orphanage, Shanghai.....	200 00
Miss Guthrie's salary, two-thirds.....	100 00
Gold, premium.....	14 75
For "Werdy Ahteeya," blind Bible-reader at Cairo, Egypt.....	96 00
Gold, premium.....	14 16
Links for Nov. and Jan., and for Annual Report.....	149 55
Total.....	1,174 46
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Branch, Mrs. M. K. Moorhead, Treas., for 1875,	621 90
	<hr/> \$1,796 36

OHIO.

Cincinnati, Cincinnati Branch, Mrs. M. M. White, Treas.....	50 00
Black Creek, "Persevering Union Band," per Miss F. Shields	10 00
Hudson, W. U. M. S., a "special donation," per Mrs. Laura W. Lord.	16 25
	<hr/> \$76 25

ILLINOIS.

Byron, Byron Aux., per Mrs. Mary P. Blount, towards constituting Mrs. DORA F. BEEKMAN Life Member..	15 00
Chicago, Chicago Branch, Mrs. O. F. Avery, Treas. (See items below.)	252 36
Galesburg, "Prairie Gleaners," per Miss Mary A. West, to constitute Mrs. NEWTON BATEMAN and Miss PRISCILLA BELDEN Life Members, for Mrs. Doolittle's school, Tientsin, China, 56.50, and for Miss Ward's school, 56.50.....	113 00
	<hr/> \$880 36

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Kentucky Branch, Mrs. S. Look, Treas. (See items below.).	\$446 51
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MISSOURI.

St. Louis, St. Louis Aux., Mrs. Jane E. Lewis, Treas., of which, from Young Ladies of Mary Institute, for child, 20, and Mrs. J. L. Busket, for child "Clara Carpenter," 20.....	\$40 00
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CALIFORNIA.

Columbia, "Sunset" Mission Band, per Mrs. A. N. Dealey; Mrs. Sevensing, 2, Mrs. Dealey, 2, Mrs. Tobey, 1.50, Mrs. Lydia Duchow, 1.25, Miss Nellie White, 1.25, Mrs. Elvira Ward, 1, Misses Jessie and Lizzie Stewart, 1, Johanna Sevensing, 1, Jessie and Nellie Fraser, 1, Alice Harding, 1, Gertrude Mandeville, 1, Laura Wing, 1, Etta Sullivan, 1, Maggie and Alice Johnson, 1, Olive Hale, 1, Fritz Sevensing, 1, Carrie, Willie and Mo. Knapp, 1, Grace Dealey, 1, Postage, 60cts.....	\$21 60
Total from Branch Societies and Mission Bands.....	\$5,639 87

Other Contributions.

VERMONT.

Bellows Falls, Mrs. E. W. Bancroft, LINK and donation.....	2 00
Brattleboro, Mrs. Wm. H. Rockwell, per Mrs. Z. S. Ely.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$7 00

CONNECTICUT.

Coventry, Mrs. R. M. Lillie, Coll.: Mrs. B. T. Preston, 10, Mrs. J. B. Porter, 5, Mrs. M. D. Jennings, 3, Mrs. M. J. K. Gilbert, 3, Miss E. K. Talcott, 2, Miss H. Kingsbury, 2, Mrs. R. M. Lillie, 1.50, Mrs. M. L. Brewster, 1.25, Mrs. M. L. Loomis, 1, Mrs. R. E. Loomis, 1, Miss M. Hutchinson, 1, Mrs. E. H. Hunt, 1, Mrs. E. Kingsbury, 1, Mrs. L. P. Loomis, 1, Mrs. J. P. Kingsbury, 50c, Mrs. H. Kingsbury, 50c, Mrs. F. Brewster, 50c, Miss K. E. Pitkin, 50c, Miss A. Porter, 50c, Mrs. E. P. Wheeler, 50c, Mrs. A. M. Talbot, 50c, Mrs. D. French, 25c.....	37 50
New Haven, collection of Miss Abbie Lyman by Miss Jennie E. Lyman: Mrs. T. D. Wheeler, 10, Miss Elizabeth Davenport, 5, Mrs. Treadwell Ketcham, 5, Mrs. Chas. Robinson, 20, Mrs. Apthorp, 5, Miss Louise Apthorp, 5, Mrs.	

Henry Ives, 1, Mrs. Samuel Stevens, 1, Miss Lucy Starr, 5, Miss Hannah Starr, 4, Mrs. Esther Baldwin, 2, Mrs. Irene Larned, 5, Mrs. Theo. M. Wheeler, 5, Mrs. J. L. Ensign, 1, Mrs. John Fitch, 1, Mrs. H. N. Lyman, 1, the Misses Foster, 2, Miss Abbie Lyman, 20, Mrs. M. A. Marshall, 2, Mrs. M. A. Burr, 1, Miss Jennie Lyman, 1, Miss Josie Lyman, 1, Mrs. James Hoppin, 3.60, Mrs. Mary Nicholson, 50c, Miss Eliza Baldwin, 1, Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, 2, Mrs. Dr. Bronson, 5.70115 10

\$152 60

NEW YORK.

Albany, through Mrs. Pruyn, for debt upon Japan Home: Madame Grandpierre, Princeton, 5, Mrs. A. Guyot, Princeton, 5, Cash, Phila., 1, Mrs. George Brown, Baltimore, 50c, Cash, per Mrs. Graves, Baltimore, 5, A Dear Little Girl, Baltimore, 10c, Miss Judd, Wilmington, 5, Mrs. A. Foot, Wilmington, 2, Mrs. Bradford, Wilmington, 10, Cash, per Mrs. Clark, Wilmington, 15, Cash, Boston, 5, Miss Racilia Anderson, Brooklyn, 100, Collection at Public Meeting of Emmanuel and Calvary Presb. Churches in Milwaukee, 30, Mrs. B. F. Avery, Louisville, 25, Mrs. J. C. Coonley, Chicago, 10, Collection at meeting in Pittsburg, 46.60, Mrs. Hays, Pittsburg, 50, Miss Hogg, per Mr. F. R. Brunot, Pittsburg, 10, "F. A. Noble Band," of 3d Presb. Ch., Pittsburg, per Mrs. Moorhead, 102, Mr. Welsh, Lambertville, 20.....496 70
Astoria, L. I., Mrs. A. E. Smallwood.. 5 00
Brooklyn, "Sister Julia,"..... 5 00
Mrs. Darwin James, per Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff..... 10 00
Miss M. Messenger, Coll.....118 00
Flushing, L. I., Mrs. Albert C. Reed.. 25 00
Fordham, Mrs. Wm. E. Mathews..... 5 50
Ithaca, Mrs. J. P. McGraw, for 1875 and 1876, to sup. "Jennie McGraw".....100 00
Ladies of Ithaca, per Miss J. L. Hardy, Congregational Church, 64.50, Presb. Ch., 8.25..... 72 75
New York, Mrs. T. Paton, per Mrs. Wm. Barbour..... 20 00
Mrs. Z. S. Ely..... 50 00
Mrs. John Scott, per Miss J. J. Robinson..... 2 00
"J. B. C."..... 20 00
Miss Lee, Coll. for Bible-reader in Calcutta: Mrs. J. M. Halsted, sub., 5, Mrs. J. D. Vermilye, 20, Mrs. R. L. Stuart, sub., 10, Mrs. H. G. Marquand, sub., 5, Robbie Tailler, added for 1875, 2..... 42 00
Miss J. Penfold..... 25 00
"An Outside Worker," for Symrna school..... 10 00

Mrs. A. Van Wyck..... 5 0
Mrs. J., for Fair articles..... 1 25
Mrs. C. A. Miller, for Life Membership of LAURA MILLER..... 50 00
Miss S. J. Higby, for addressing meeting..... 5 00
Mrs. James Minor..... 3 00
Through Mrs. J. Williamson: Mrs. F. H. Bartholomew, 10, Mrs. F. Cook, 5, Mrs. H. A. Kerr, 20, Mrs. A. M. Ross, 15, Miss M. T. Sparks, 2, Miss J. A. McClure, 2, Miss M. B. Pomeroy, 2, Miss J. Driggs, 2, Miss J. Johnson, 2, Mrs. J. Williamson, 20..... 80 00
Mrs. W. P. Powers.....200 00
Mrs. Henry L. Pierson, for 1875 and 1876..... 40 00
Mrs. A., per Mrs. D. W. Chapman... 10 00
Mrs. F. M. Wiley, for "Frederica".....100 00
Miss J. Abeel, Collector..... 28 00
Mrs. Wm. Spencer, per Mrs. J. Le Roy..... 200 00
Mrs. Wm. Blewett, per Mrs. D. Parish..... 20 00
Mrs. Mary J. Dodge, for 1875, 50, Mary Danforth Dodge, by her father, 50.....100 00
Mr. J. P. Barbey, per Mrs. J. Le Roy..... 50 00
Scotch Plains, by Miss E. S. Coles: Dr. J. A. Coles, 25, Miss E. S. Coles, 75, and Miss M. L. Ackerman, 25, for Miss Karageusian, Constantinople, of which 100 to con. Mrs. Dr. E. P. Hoyt, New York, and Mrs. S. K. BUCKNALL, Scotch Plains, Life Members..... 125 00
Syracuse, for Bible-reader in Shanghai, per Mrs. Robert Townsend: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend, 20, Mrs. Benham, 5, Mrs. E. T. Martin, 5, Mrs. Howard Townsend, 5, Mr. H. Martin, 5, Mrs. Franklin Townsend, 5, Mrs. J. B. Earnet, 5, Mrs. S. Nash, 2, Mrs. Robert Townsend, 20..... 72 00
For "Ume," in Yokohama, from Mrs. Townsend's Sunday-school class..... 46 00
Sing Sing, Mrs. E. M. Kingsley's sub., 5, Helen and Willie's 50c..... 5 50
Tarrytown, Sunday-school of 1st Reformed Ch., per Mr. J. Henry Vail, towards Bible-reader in Japan..... 20 00
Troy, Mrs. S. A. Parker, per Mrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen..... 10 00

\$2,187 70

NEW JERSEY.

Hackensack, collection per Mrs. Williams, 21, A Minister's Daughter, for the education of a Karen girl, also purchase of books, 50..... 71 00
Jersey City, Mrs. H. L. Southmayd, for Fair articles..... 2 00
Millstone, Mrs. Corwin, per Miss Higby..... 10 00
Trenton, Mrs. M. R. Buttolph, 10, Mrs.

Fuller, 5, Miss Sherman, 5, per Mrs. M. R. Buttolph.....	20 00
	<u>\$103 00</u>
NORTH CAROLINA.	
Columbia, Prof. Fisk P. Brewer..	\$5 00
MICHIGAN.	
Jonesville, Mrs. E. O. Grosvenor, Col- lector.....	\$8 00
IOWA.	
Davenport, Miss Harriet Rogers.....	\$5 00

Link Subscriptions.

Mrs. C. L. Wells, 8.50, Mrs. Hudson, 14.66, Miss M. Messenger, 2.80, Mrs. M. Williamson, 5, "Willing Workers," 10, Mrs. A. L. Potter, 3.36, Mrs. K. L. Stanton, 3, Miss	
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E. E. Burke, 10.08, Haverhill, Mass., 3.92, Miss Lucretia Arcu- larius, 2.25, Mrs. W. Williams, 10.64, Mrs. W. H. Neff, 10.20, Mrs. Van Lennep, 2.40, Mrs. L. W. Lerd, 2.40, Mrs. Williams, 2.24, Miss E. Davis, 3, Mrs. E. H. La- throp, 2.40, Miss Ellie Sawyer, 2.25, Mrs. S. C. Dorrance, 7, smaller subscriptions, 43.93.....	149 93
Sales of "Kardoo," 3.85, "Shoshie," 1.....	4 85
Pictures.....	20
Premium on Gold.....	84 07

Total other contributions.....	\$2,657 35
Total from Branch Societies and Mission Bands.....	\$5,639 87

Total from Feb. 1st to Apr. 1st, \$8,297 22

MRS. J. E. JOHNSON, *Ass't Treas.*,

W. U. M. S.

Treasurer's Report of the Boston Branch.

St. Paul's Ch., for the support of Miss Brittan: Mrs. Wm. Appleton, 383.65, Mrs. J. Arthur Beebe, 25.00.....	408 65
Through Miss E. Barrett: Mrs. Geo. Howe, don. 20, Mrs. B. Willis, don. 10, Mrs. R. Gibson, don. 2, Mrs. B. Willis, sub., 10, Mrs. Geo. Howe, sub., 5, Mrs. J. Sullivan Warren, 10, Miss J. B. Bell, 10, Mrs. E. H. Sampson, 5, Mrs. G. H. Appleton, 5, Miss Harriet Browne, 5, Miss A. C. Everett, 5, Mrs. Thomas Mack, 5, Mrs. Geo. W. Gordon, 3, Mrs. Arthur Cheny, 3, Miss Bes- sie Tappan, 3, Miss Helen Gordon, 3, Mrs. Butts, 3, Miss M. Carter, 2, Mrs. M. F. Fowler, 2, Miss M. R. Welles, 2, Mrs. Peter Harvey, 5, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, 3, Miss Taylor, 3, Mrs. T. R. Cummins, 3, Miss E. B. Barrett, 2, Mrs. Calvin Page, 1, Miss E. M. Brainard, 1.....	131 00
Additional Subscriptions.....	5 00
LINKS.....	1 00
Collection taken at St. Paul's church	54 35
Through Mrs. E. Crosby: Mrs. S. G. Shipley, 1.60, A Friend, 2, Mrs. Geo. Dexter, 5, Mrs. H. S. Chase, 2, Mrs. Edward Crosby, 5, LINK, 50c.....	16 10
Mrs. S. J. M. Homer, for "Japan Home,".....	6 00
From Mrs. L. J. Knowles, for support of a Bible-reader, and making her- self Life Member.....	50 00
Through Mrs. Knowles, sub., sale of Kardoo, and LINK.....	8 86
Dorchester and Roxbury Aux. for LINKS.....	1 62
Mrs. Wm. Appleton, for Mrs. Pruyn's board.....	28 00
	<u>\$710 58</u>
Expenses for Mrs. Pruyn.....	28 00
	<u>\$682 58</u>

MARIA N. JOHNSON, *Treas.**RECEIPTS of Albany Branch.*

M. L. Egberts, for "Egberts' Band... Pres. S. S. of Greenbush, for the sup- port of "Ruth" in Miss Douw's "Home" in China, by Miss E. Mayell and Mrs. Fenton, col- lectors.....	20 00
Miss E. Mayell, for "LINKS" and postage.....	3 50
Mrs. S. O. Vanderpoel, for "Angels" Band, in Memoriam.....	20 00
Temple Grove Seminary, by Miss Helen W. North, Sec.....	24 57
Mrs. S. B. Woolworth, for Annual Subscription.....	10 00
Mrs. Henry N. Smith, by S. S. of 2d Ref. Ch. for the support of "Blanche" in Miss Douw's "Home," Peking.....	30 00
	<u>\$138 07</u>

MRS. FRED. TOWNSEND, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS of the Philadelphia Branch from Feb. 1st to April 1st,
1876.

Through Mrs. R. C. Matlack: Mrs. E. Williams, subs. and LINK, 1.50, Mrs. Foster, LINKS, 1, Mrs. Stephen H. Greene, 5, Mrs. R. C. Matlack, for expenses returned, 8.50, Mrs. B. P. Hutchinson, 5, Miss M. Hutchinson, 5, Miss Emily Page, 5, Mrs. Dr. Goodwin, 2, Mrs. Benj. Vaughan, 10, Mrs. Patterson, Del., subs. and LINK, 6, subscriptions for LINK, 6.60, Bible-class, Trinity Ch., Swedesboro, N. J., add'l for Maria Butler, child in Miss Higby's school, 10, \$65 60	Lewis Crozer, 20, Mrs. J. P. Crozer, 20, Mrs. B. Griffith, 10, Mrs. S. C. Campbell, 5, Mrs. M. J. Lewis, 2, 57 00
Germantown Auxiliary, Miss A. M. Bayard, Treas. Mrs. Geo. Nugent's collection: Mrs. Chas. Le Boutillier, 3.50, Chas. H. Cummings, 1.50, Mrs. H. K. Cummings, 1, Mrs. Benj. Homer, 1.50, Miss F. Howell, 1.50, Mrs. Edw. Jeffries, 2, Mrs. Geo. Nugent, 3, 14 00	Mrs. George Dana Boardman, for sup. of child named Sarah Covell, in Miss Haswell's school 50 00
Miss A. Rich's collection: Mrs. Jones, 50c., Mrs. Jeffries, 50c., Mrs. Floyd, 50c., Mrs. Gibson, 50c., Mrs. Pastorius, 50c., Mrs. Hinkle, 50c., Mrs. Fowden, 50c., Mrs. Robbins, 1, Mrs. Brown, 1, Mrs. Strawbridge, 1, Mrs. Hannum, 1, Mrs. Mason, 1, Mrs. Averil, 1, Mrs. Kellogg, 1, Mrs. Elkins, 1, Mrs. Cope, 2, Miss Pierce, 50c., Miss Wright, 50c., Miss Smallberger, 50c., Miss Birchall, 50c., Miss M. Elkins, 50c., Miss Milligan, 50c., Miss M. West, 1, Miss Strawbridge, 1, Miss P. West, 2, Miss F. West, 2, Miss Kate Widdis, 50c., Miss A. Rich, 2, Mrs. G. W. Toland, Market Square Pres. Ch., 5, 30 00	Through Mrs. A. F. Lex: Miss Martha M. Kirkpatrick, for Foundling Asylum, Calcutta, 100, do., and subs., 20, do. "LINKS," 1.50, Miss M. F. Kirkpatrick, 2, do. "LINK," 50c., Mrs. A. F. Lex, for Jaffa, 10, R. A. Carden, 1, 135 00
Miss T. Bayard, 5 00	Through Mrs. I. S. Williams: Ch. of the Covenant, 25, Miss R., 10.50, Mrs. McCurdy, 5, Mrs. A. Getze, for 1875, 1.50, Miss E. Boyer, do., 1, 43 00
Per Miss Clements: Mrs. Chas. Lehman's collection: Mrs. J. B. Myers, 1, Mrs. H. A. Heiskill, 1, Miss C. Graff, 10, the Misses Everly, 3, Mrs. Lehman, 2, 17 00	Through Miss M. A. Longstreth: Mary Whitall for zenana work, 25, Henrietta W. Pearsall, do. and LINK, 5.50, Beulah Coates, do. and LINK, 5.50, Helen T. Cope, do. and LINK, 5.50, Mrs. A. L. Lowry, do. and LINK, 5.50, Mrs. Benj. G. Godfrey, 2, LINK, 50c., Mrs. H. J. Owen, 1, LINK, 50c., Anna Burnham, LINK, 50c., Anna M. Cook, LINK, 50c., Gertrude B. Haffelfinger, LINK, 50c., Lillie E. Lewis, LINK, 50c., Eliza B. Nicholson, for blind Bible-reader at Cairo, 10, Rachel D. Morris, for sup. of Bible-reader under Miss Brittan, 50, do. LINK, 50c., 113 50
Miss Clements' school for support of Maria M'Ilvaine, 10, Miss Mehl, 1, Mrs. Edgar Butler, 5, Miss Susie Disston, 50c., 16 50	Through Mrs. Jos. L. Richards: For sup. of Louisa Chambre, Bible-reader under Miss Lathrop: Miss Eleanor A. Richards, 35, Mrs. Barton Corlies, 10, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, 5, Mrs. H. R. Hutchins, 7, Mrs. H. C. Ford, 8, Mrs. H. Y. Evans, 10, Mrs. Samuel Simes, 5, Mrs. John R. Whitney, and LINK, 5.50, Mrs. J. F. Seldomridge, and LINK, 1.50, Miss Louisa Birch, and LINK, 1.50, Mrs. Geo. W. Anderson, 2, Mrs. Jas. L. Richards, and LINK, 5.50, Mrs. Wm. A. Kennedy, 1, Miss Lilla R. Corlies, 2, Master Isaac Ford, 1, Master Harry H. Ford, 1, Master Frank R. Ford, 50c., Master Horace Y. Evans, 1.50, Master Samuel W. Richards, 1, Miss Lizzie M. Richards, 1, 105 00
Total from Germantown Aux., \$82 50	Collection at Annual Meeting, 87 00
Through Mrs. S. F. Ashton: Mrs. H. A. Garrigues, 10, Mrs. H. W. Pitkin, 10, Mrs. Samuel F. Ashton, 10, Miss Mary Gilbert, 5, Miss Augusta Shulze, 2, Mrs. A. E. Shulze, 2, Mrs. Jos. S. Keen, 1, do., LINK, 50c., Miss R. O. McMullen, for LINK for 1875, 1, Mrs. J. B. Van Dusen, 5, Miss Vallance, 1, Mrs. J. Warner Erwin, 2, Mrs. Rene Guilton, 1, Mrs. Chas. Robbins, 1, Miss Fannie Bryan, 2, Mrs. Wm. C. Houston, 5, Mrs. Thos. C. Hand, 5, 63 50	Mrs. C. B. Keen, expenses returned, . . 6 50
Through Mrs. B. Griffith: Mrs. J.	Six months' interest from Harriet Holland Est., 490 00
	Cash received from Mrs. J. E. Johnson, for printing 1,500 copies Phila. Br. An. Report 84 45
	Balance of Miss M. F. Seeley's accounts, 1,719 60
	<u>\$3,102 05</u>
	MRS. C. B. KEEN, Treas.

Philadelphia Branch in account with Miss M. F. SEELYE, M.D.

DR.	CR.
To Amount rec'd from professional fees of Miss M. F. Seelye, M.D., from January 1st, 1873, to May, 1875.....	By Salary and Expenses of Miss M. F. Seelye, M.D., from Jan. 1st, 1873, to May, 1875.....
\$2,719 00	\$1,115 00
	" Draft of Dec. 28th, 1874.....
	" " " Oct. 2d, 1875.....
	" " " March 23d, 1876.....
	" Donation to Pension Fund in Calcutta.....
	" Donation to Miss Brittan for her special work.....
\$2,719 00	18 29
	\$2,719 00

MRS. C. B. KEEN, Treas.

RECEIPTS of Chicago Branch.

Mrs. M. J. Willing	5 00	March 22d, for debt on Japan Home.....	30 61
Mrs. Edwin Hunt	4 00	Collection by Mrs. E. W. Clark, for the debt on the "Home," Mrs. C. H. Case, 5, Mrs. H. M. Lyman, 5, Mrs. A. E. Kittridge, 2, Mrs. A. B. Clark, 1.50, Mrs. E. W. Clark, 5.50.....	19 00
Mrs. Gallup	5 00	For annual reports.....	25
Mrs. Gen. Stager, quarterly payment for Bible-reader in Calcutta.....	20 00	Kardoos.....	1 50
Miss Annie E. Butts.....	5 00	Sale of fancy articles, donated by Mrs. Mather.....	1 25
Miss P. L. Smith.....	25 00	"LINK" subscriptions.....	5 00
Mrs. J. V. Dunlevy.....	20 00		\$254 26
Mrs. Edward Hempstead.....	3 00	Less paid expressage on re-ports.....	90
Donations at Mrs. Pruyn's meeting, March 17th, for debt on Japan Home: Mrs. N. S. Bouton, 5, Mrs. J. C. Partridge, 2, Mrs. V. C. Turner, 1, Mrs. Arthur Mitchell and Little Maggie, per Miss Hays, 4, other donations, 42.77.....	54 77	Paid Sexton for service at meeting, March 17.....	1 00
Mrs. Prickett	1 00		\$1 90 1 90
Mrs. G. S. Hubbard, part payment for Mary Grant, Calcutta.....	10 00		\$252 36
Mrs. N. S. Bouton.....	20 00		
Anonymous.....	1 00		
Rev. J. Covert, for Mrs. Covert's pledge.....	20 00		
Miss Jerusha Avery, Groton, Conn....	2 00		
Donations at Mrs. Pruyn's meeting,			

MRS. O. F. AVERY, Sec. and Treas.

RECEIPTS of Kentucky Branch.

"Emma McKay" Memorial Band, per Mrs. H. M. Browne, Springfield, Ky., for Mrs. Pierson's salary.....	30 00	Ladies of Perryville, Ky., per Mrs. J. M. Crawford.....	6 00
"Bright Hope" Band, for Susan McElroy, in Mrs. Pierson's school....	50 00	"Emily Ringgold" Memorial, per Mrs. J. H. Rhorer, Pewee.....	24 50
"Nee Sima" Band.....	25 00	Peter Caldwell Band, per Mrs. Wm. B. Anderson.....	25 00
"Alice Lafon" Memorial, per Miss Lafon, Jessamine Co. Ky., for Little Widows' Home, Calcutta....	20 00	For Miss Brittan, Calcutta, from Mrs. Anna Bell.....	4 00
"Hopeful Gleaners," to educate May McElroy, in Kolapoor, India, and to make Mrs. FANNIE HARRISON a Life Member, Springfield, Ky., per Mrs. H. M. Browne.....	50 00	"LINKS" and postage.....	4 48
Kentucky College Mission Band, for "Leki," per Miss Patty Quigley.....	25 05	Mrs. T. B. Knowlton.....	1 00
		Pictures, 50c, Fine, 25c.....	75
			\$265 76

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